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A Brief Summary Report
on
"NEW MANUFACTURING PROCESS BY SUPERPLASTIC FORMING"*

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The funding of \$4,000 from SME Manufacturing Engineering Education Foundation has helped the preparation of the titled research proposal. The award was used as a seed money for an extensive literature survey in this area and the writing of a proposal, in order to put such new ideas together for carrying out a detailed investigation through a possible grant or contract from a major funding agency.

In this research proposal, two basic questions are proposed: (1) How to control the temperature, pressure and timing during a superplastic forming process? and (2) What are the suitable constitutive equations which can be used in such a problem? Obviously, these two topics are interrelated. A thorough understanding on item (2) is necessary in order to analyze item (1). On the other hand, data obtained from the relation among temperature, pressure and time can help for the establishing of constitutive equations.

On the control of temperature, pressure and timing of a superplastic material during the forming process, one has to understand the physical nature of this type of material why it possesses such exceptional stability in uniaxial tensile deformation, and what are the prerequisite conditions

*This brief summary is condensed from a research proposal prepared through a grant from SME Manufacturing Engineering Education Foundation, Dr. W. W. Worthely, Director.

for a material to behave like this. Through these, one can start simple experimental work and collect such data for commonly used superplastic materials. The furnace previously constructed for the study of superplastically formed sandwich core can be used for this experiment with some minor modifications.

The purpose on the study of constitutive equations is for optimizing the forming conditions and developing a predictive capability. The available constitutive equations used by metallurgists are largely concerned with the detailed atomistic dislocation and microstructural mechanisms that control material behavior. Thus, there are separate constitutive equations that refer to distinct mechanisms of deformation. The four major variables involved here are: temperature, stress, strain rate and grain size. It is planned to plot such maps by holding certain variables to be constant, and study the variation of the others. For example, superplastic deformation usually starts at about half the melting temperature T_m . To what extent superplastic forming effect can be improved if the temperature exceeds $0.5 T_m$ is an interesting and important question. Such maps, known as "deformation mechanism maps", would be of great value in the proposed research program.